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Funding for Flint

FEMA denies appeal for federal money for Flint homeowners, says request “not appropriate”

By Lindsey Smith, Michigan Radio 03/16/16 3:30 PM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is holding firm on its decision that certain funding the state of Michigan is requesting to help with the Flint water crisis is “not appropriate.” This goes back to January, when President Obama approved an emergency declaration for Flint. But he denied Gov. Rick Snyder’s request for a disaster declaration because Flint’s water crisis is man-made, not a natural disaster.

Snyder disappointed with federal denial of Flint funds

By Paul Egan, Lansing State Journal 03/16/16 4:15 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder said Wednesday he's disappointed the federal government has rejected his appeal of an earlier denial of certain funding requests to assist the state in addressing the Flint drinking water crisis. Snyder, in a March 3 letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, had requested funding under programs related to emergency protective measures and the Individuals and Households Program.

FEMA denies Michigan governor's appeal for more federal funds

By Reuters 03/16/16

Federal officials have denied Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's request to give the city of Flint additional funds to help deal with its lead-contaminated water crisis, his office said on Wednesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency in a March 14 letter to Snyder rejected the governor's appeal of the agency's initial denial, saying the funds he was asking for were not appropriate to the situation. A copy of FEMA's response was supplied by Snyder's office.

House budget panel rejects \$458M Flint-inspired request

By Melissa Nann Burke, Detroit News 03/16/16 2:24 PM

The House Budget Committee on Wednesday defeated a Flint-inspired amendment to the proposed Republican budget for \$457.5 million in emergency aid targeted at communities with lead-contaminated public drinking water such as Flint. The Republican-controlled committee rejected the proposal 22-14 along party lines.

Republicans reject adding Flint aid to budget resolution

By Sarah Ferris, The Hill 03/16/16 1:15 PM

House Democrats on Wednesday forced a vote on expanding federal aid to Flint, Mich., during a day-long debate on the GOP's budget proposal. The vote failed along party lines, 21-14. Republicans on the committee unanimously opposed the amendment.

Flint water crisis: FEMA denies Michigan governor's request for more money

By Payton Guion, Independent 03/16/16 2:21 PM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has again denied a request from Michigan Governor Rick Snyder for additional federal funds to help combat the lead poisoning in Flint, Michigan's water supply. FEMA sent a letter to Mr Snyder's office on Monday rejecting his appeal of a previous denial of federal funds for Flint, Reuters reported. The agency said the funds he requested were not correct for this situation.

Snyder: FEMA rejects funding request for Flint households

By CHRON 03/16/16 11:02 AM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder says the Obama administration has denied a request for money to help Flint households with the crisis caused by lead-tainted drinking water. Snyder said in a release Wednesday the Federal Emergency Management Agency rejected his request for funding through emergency protective measures and Individuals and Households programs. They would have covered costs of food, water and other needs, as well as help repair water systems.

Feds Deny Emergency Funding For Flint

By WSJM FM 94.9 03/16/16

The federal government has denied Governor Rick Snyder's request for more funding to deal with the Flint water crisis. The governor had requested funding from the Category B program for emergency protective measures and the Individuals and Households Program. The governor says the federal denial is a disappointment, and is especially frustrating as it would have provided aid to individual households in Flint. The governor says to date, Michigan has delivered nearly \$70 million in state funding to Flint for immediate clean water resources and ongoing follow-up work. Flint's drinking water became contaminated with lead in April of 2014.

FEMA denies Snyder appeal for more Flint aid

By Melissa Nann Burke, Detroit News 03/16/16 11:37 AM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied an appeal by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder asking the agency to reconsider his request for more federal funding and resources to assist in Flint, which continues to struggle with lead-contaminated drinking water.

Snyder to call Flint response failure at all levels

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 03/16/16 6:16 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder is expected to tell a congressional oversight committee on Thursday that the contamination of Flint's water supply was a failure of government at every level and call on Congress to strengthen the regulations governing lead levels in the nation's drinking water supply.

The Latest: Governor: State Agency Misled Him on Flint Water

By AP for ABC News 03/16/16 5:55 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder says a lead-contamination water crisis in Flint, Michigan, represents "a failure of government at all levels." But Snyder plans to tell Congress that the main culprit in the manmade disaster is a state agency he oversees. He says the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality repeatedly assured him and other officials that water from the Flint River was safe, when in reality it had dangerous levels of lead.

Snyder: Mich. environmental agency misled him on Flint water

By Matthew Daly, Washington Post 03/16/16 5:49 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder says a lead-contamination water crisis in Flint, Michigan represents "a failure of government at all levels." But Snyder tells Congress that the main culprit in the manmade disaster is a state agency he oversees. He says the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality repeatedly assured him and other officials that water from the Flint River was safe, when in reality it had dangerous levels of lead.

Flint water crisis testimony: Gov. Snyder to ask Congress to help him fix city

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 03/16/16 5:45 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder will ask Congress to partner with him in fixing the Flint water crisis, according to written testimony provided in advance of his testimony Thursday, March 16. "Not a day or night goes by that this tragedy doesn't weigh on my mind...the questions I should have asked... the answers I should have demanded... how I could have prevented this," Snyder's written testimony to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform says.

Michigan governor to focus on Flint recovery at hearing

By Timothy Cama, The Hill 03/16/16 5:36 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) is trying to use a Thursday congressional hearing to reduce finger-pointing over the Flint drinking water crisis and highlight what he's done to help the city. "This is not about politics or partisanship," Snyder will tell the House Oversight Committee Thursday, according to his prepared remarks. "I am not going to point fingers or shift blame; there is plenty of that to share, and neither will help the people of Flint."

Dems say some Snyder officials won't talk on Flint

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 03/16/16 5:12 PM

Democrats on the U.S. House oversight committee said Wednesday that 15 current or former officials in the administration of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder have refused to cooperate with the committee as it investigates the Flint drinking water crisis.

Top Republican Promises Rick Snyder Will Have 'A Tough Day' On Capitol Hill

By Tyler Tynes, Huffington Post 03/16/16 4:13 PM

After a hearing in which officials from multiple levels of government insisted they'd done nothing wrong in their handling of the Flint water crisis, a top Republican investigating it suggested Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) has done a better job of coming clean. "He's actually done something about it. He's fired people," House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) told The Huffington Post.

Congressional Democrats want Gov. Snyder's help in Flint water crisis probe

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 03/16/16 3:45 PM

Two Congressional Democrats are asking Gov. Rick Snyder to direct 15 current and former state officials to cooperate with requests for transcribed interviews and to produce all documents in their possession relating to the Flint water crisis. U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, the committee's ranking Democrat, and Rep. Brenda Lawrence of Michigan sent a letter to Snyder today, March 16, requesting that the governor take the action on the eve of his testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Affairs on Thursday, March 17.

Flint water crisis subject of 1,200 pages newly released EPA docs

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/16/16 2:34 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday released 1,200 pages of emails pertaining to the Flint water crisis. The release comes a day after testimony at March 15 Congressional hearing where a former EPA regional director was grilled about the federal agency's response to the discovery of elevated lead levels in city water.

Former Flint Mayor: I Trusted EPA Guidance That High Lead Levels Were ‘Limited to Very Particular Cases’

By Melanie Hunter, CNS News 03/16/16 10:26 AM

Former Flint Mayor Dayne Walling told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman that he trusted the guidance he received from then EPA regional administrator Susan Hedman that the high levels of lead in the water in Flint, Mich., were “limited to very particular cases” of lead service lines and plumbing in individual houses.

Ex-officials point fingers at hearing on Flint water crisis

By FOX 17 West Michigan 03/15/16 11:00 AM

Former city and federal officials at a congressional hearing Tuesday pointed fingers at one another for failing to protect the 100,000 citizens of Flint from lead-laced water as Republicans targeted blame at an Environmental Protection Agency executive who resigned as the crisis worsened.

House Panel Denounces E.P.A. Actions in Flint Crisis

By Abby Goodnough, New York Times 03/15/16

Members of a congressional oversight committee excoriated a former Environmental Protection Agency official on Tuesday for not responding more forcefully when she learned last year that Flint, Mich., was not adding a chemical to its new water supply that would have prevented the city’s pipes from corroding and leaching lead.

Flint City Council signs off on mayor's firing of city administrator

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 03/16/16 6:18 PM

City council members have reversed course and now support the firing of former city manager Natasha Henderson. Council members voted unanimously March 14 in support of Henderson's termination who was fired by Flint Mayor Karen Weaver late February. Still, questions remain over who will be on the hook for any money owed Henderson, whose contract called for a 6-

month payout if she was fired.

In Pittsburgh talk, Flint water-crisis reporter Curt Guyette lauds residents for breaking the story

By Bill O'Driscoll, Pittsburgh City Paper 03/16/16 3:04 PM

When City Paper interviewed ACLU of Michigan investigative journalist Curt Guyette, we credited him with "breaking the story" on Flint's water crisis. Nothing unusual there; most media outlets have done the same, because Guyette was in fact the guy who first publicized the key info on how the state-appointed emergency managers of that financially distressed city effectively poisoned many of its 100,000 residents with lead-laced water for months on end, all while trying to cover it up.

Flint residents request meeting with Snyder in D.C.

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 03/16/16 2:40 PM

About 150 Flint residents are traveling here this week to hear Gov. Rick Snyder's congressional testimony on the water contamination crisis in their city, and five families already here have requested a meeting with the governor. "I think it's sad that we obviously live in his same state, but we're still trying to get a meeting with him, and now we've come to D.C. to ask him again," Keri Webber said Wednesday after detailing health problems experienced by her husband and two kids. "He will not come out of his office and face us. We always get an aide. He will not look any of us in the face."

Flint water crisis hearing doesn't bring closure for residents

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 03/16/16 1:19 AM

Tonya Williams traveled all the way from Flint for today's Congressional hearing on the Flint water crisis but didn't hear the answers she's been listening for during the past two years. "Who wasn't lying except for Marc?" Williams asked afterward. She was referring to Marc Edwards, the Virginia Tech professor who uncovered rising lead levels in Flint drinking water in 2015 through independent testing, Williams said after the hearing.

Has your child been injured by the Flint water crisis?

By Steven Gursten, Legal Examiner 03/16/16 10:13 AM

Has your child been injured by the Flint water crisis or been exposed to Flint's lead-contaminated water? If so, the consequences can be very serious and far-reaching. We are so very sorry if this crisis is affecting you and your family. To help, our attorneys are currently reviewing Flint water crisis-related lead poisoning lawsuits now. Contact Michigan Auto Law to have an attorney review your case for free. We are also here to answer any questions you may have.

Flint Water Crisis: 4 Our Families Telethon Raises Over One Million Dollars

By Adora Namigadde, 9 & 10 News 03/16/16 1:58 PM [video clip]

The people of Michigan pulled together to make a powerful impact on what's being called an American tragedy. The "Flint Water Crisis: 4 Our Families" telethon is going to help more than 8,000 children get long-term support for issues stemming from exposure to lead. Volunteers fielded phone calls all day yesterday to help collect donations for the multi-station effort. And thanks to you, the telethon raised 1,133,964 dollars.

Lawyers for Flint water victims hire D.C. lobbyists

By Catherine Ho, Washington Post 03/16/16 6:00 AM

A personal injury law firm representing Flint residents has hired Washington lobbyists to push Congress to create a victim compensation fund for people affected by the Michigan city's contaminated drinking water. Attorneys at the law firm Napoli Shkolnik previously secured millions of dollars in settlements for firefighters, police officers and other Ground Zero workers for ailments related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Additional nurses to aid students impacted by Flint water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/15/16 7:01 PM

Flint Community Schools are seeing an influx of school nurses to help any students in the district that may be dealing with lead exposure in the city. The state announced Tuesday, March 15 a total of nine nurses are expected to be assigned in the district by the end of the week. Three nurses started in the district on March 14.

Snyder calls for investigation of state health dept

By Luther Drake, Examiner Gazette 03/16/16 3:49 PM

MDHHS remains committed to promoting public health across the state, and welcomes further review of its efforts in Genesee County. Gov. Rick Snyder's office today posted four additional batches of Executive Office emails, accompanying documents and related materials from Snyder's briefings regarding the Flint water crisis from 2011 through January 5, when the state declared an emergency in the city. Both candidates also called for Snyder to resign. "That preliminary internal review warrants an immediate and thorough investigation".

Environmental attorney Noah Hall joins AG probe of Flint water crisis

By Brad Devereaux, MLIVE 03/16/16 5:47 PM

An expert in environmental and water legal matters has joined the Michigan Attorney General's team investigating whether any Michigan laws were violated in the process that created a public health crisis in Flint. "This is the worst disaster for public health I've ever seen," Noah Hall said by phone Wednesday, March 16.

Other News and Opinions

Single decision costs billions in Flint water crisis

By Livingston Daily 03/16/16 11:20 AM

Your USA Gannett article in Sunday's Livingston Daily Press & Argus estimates that hundreds of billions of dollars in accelerated expenditures may be expected in the wake of the Flint water treatment fiasco. Such spending is a result of a single city administrator declining to spend \$50,000 per annum to add orthophosphate to the process, as is done in Detroit to Lake Huron sourced water. That sad fact was reported by Michael Torrice, deputy managing editor of Chemical & Engineering News, the weekly periodical of the American Chemical Society. Those who claim the Flint River water is untreatable need only consider the potable water treatments employed on the International Space Station effluent to disabuse themselves of that notion.

Spring Break 2016: Howard University Students Head To Flint, Michigan, To Aid Water Crisis Victims

By Aaron Morrison, International Business Times 03/16/16 9:18 AM

Students from Howard University in Washington, D.C., are spending their spring break in Flint, Michigan, volunteering at locations around the troubled city as it struggles with a longtime water-contamination crisis. The 43 students participating in what is known as an “alternative spring break” were scheduled to help collect and distribute bottled water to residents Wednesday and Thursday, said Howard spokesman Anthony Owens.

Before Flint, Lead-Contaminated Water Plagued Schools Across U.S.

By Jennifer Ludden, NPR 03/16/16 5:08 AM [radio clip]

At Southwest Baltimore Charter School, preparing lunch takes a few extra steps. "We don't use the water from the building for cooking, not at all," say cafeteria worker LaShawn Thompson, shaking her head. Her colleague, Christine Fraction, points to a large water bottle sitting on the counter of a stainless steel sink.

Lead levels down at water testing sites in Flint, concerns remain

By Amanda Emery, MLIVE 03/15/16 10:51 PM

Results from a second round of Sentinel Site water testing in Flint show fewer sites are above the federal action level for lead than the previous round of testing. While results are down, concerns remain about the level of lead in the water, according to a news release from Gov. Rick Snyder's Office.

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